The Member then described in detail the inconveniences, worry, annoyance and even loss the people were put to on account of the Public Canals and Ferries Regulation. The immediate annulment of the Regulation was demanded, or, if that could not be done, the whole of Kuttanad should be exempted from the operation of the Regulation. The Member added that the people were willing to make good the amount of probable loss of revenue to Government, if the Regulation were cancelled or if they were exempted from its operation. It was then explained that during the cultivation season, *i. e.*, during the months of Vrischigom, Dhanu, Makaram, Meenam and Medam, large colonies of labourers used to be engaged in the cultivation of the *punja* lands, making the locality their temporary abode. On account of this large population, contagious diseases sometimes occurred and when it took place, several persons used to die for want of efficient and timely medical aid. It would be a great boon if 4 or 5 temporary dispensaries in suitable places were opened for affording medical relief to them during the season.

Lastly, the Member requested loan of Government money for such agricultural purposes as pumping engines, kerosine oil, manure, &c.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

60. Need for holding an annual Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition at Alwaye in connection with the Sivarathri festival.

Mr. K. P. Kunjikrishna Menon (Member, T. I. C., Alwaye) said that improvement should be effected in the agricultural condition of the country, and that the starting of agricultural farms, opening of agricultural schools, establishment of industrial institutions, and holding of agricultural and industrial exhibitions were the means of agricultural development. Alwaye being an important agricultural centre, it was highly desirable that an Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition should be held there every year in connection with the Sivarathri festival for which large crowds of pilgrims and others would congregate. As such a function could not be held without the help of Government, a contribution of Rs. 500 from Government should be made towards the Exhibition.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

(2) Other Industries.

61. Development of industries in Travancore.

Mr. K. Krishna Panikkan (Member, T. I. C., Mavelikara) pointed out that the steps so far taken for the promotion of industries were not productive of much benefit and that the industrial policy itself should be revised so that it might do more good to the country. The best way towards that end was the institution of an Economic Conference on the lines of what obtained in the Mysore State. It would not do much good, if young men trained in some industry were entertained in Government service. They should, on arrival, be given the necessary capital and other conveniences for working, as a private concern, the industry in which they had their training. Then alone would the public have confidence in the value of the training given as well as the method of promoting the particular industry. Otherwise the entertainment of such young men trained at State cost would be of no use. It would, further, serve as an incentive to private enterprise, if the Government scholarship-holders were allowed to start industries straight on, instead of being provided with berths in the public service which benefited nobody except themselves.

The Member mentioned the following industries as capable of being revived:—(1) Manufacture of sweet toddy from cocoanut. (2) Cultivation of tobacco. (3) Manufacture of salt. (4) Weaving and cultivation of cotton. (5) Smelting of iron, and steel works. (6) Manufacture of China jars. (7) Metal works.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

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